

WASHINGTON STATE  
GOOD ROADS & TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION  
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Governor Jay Inslee  
Office of the Governor  
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Dear Governor Inslee,

This letter is to inform you of recent actions at the 115th Annual Washington State Good Roads and Transportation Association Conference.

The membership wanted to communicate that we voted unanimously to continue to expect a transportation bill be provided this Legislative session. This is an issue that needs to be dealt with sooner than later. Delayed decisions and the continued deterioration of the roads and bridges will only result in greatly increasing costs. We need this for the economy, for jobs, and for the future.

The membership also voted unanimously to support restoring the Public Works Trust Fund. Continued diversions of the revenue streams and loan repayments from this Fund break a promise that labor, business, utilities, waste haulers, realtors, and transportation advocates cannot support. This program is a model for a national infrastructure bank. It remains a critical source for local agencies to borrow funds for large capital projects that otherwise would remain unattainable.

With over 115 years of collaborative service, our membership has a history rich in service, accomplishments and achievements all across our State. When Samuel Hill founded our organization in 1899 our State's transportation system was a disjointed network of dirt roads. Through the Good Roads efforts a planned highway system was developed and the legislature created a department of transportation. The Association's efforts through the years have been a key to supporting adequate funding for transportation improvements.

We have a particularly broad membership that is composed of elected officials, private individuals, state, county and city government agency staff, chamber of commerce members, business leaders, labor leaders, port districts, contractors, consultants, and corporate members. The common thread that ties these advocates together is the continuing importance of a substantial and balanced transportation network. We continue to educate our public and policy leaders about the importance of safety and the value of mobility to our economy. We reiterate the importance of maintaining investments in these assets. As a trade and export dependent state our streets, roads and highways, our transit, our rail, and our air and marine transport are essential components to keep our economy moving. Please let us know how we can help.

Best regards,

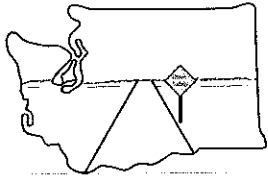
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